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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 22 – 33 and 38 – 41, drawn to pattern formation device(s).

Group II, claim(s) 34 – 37, drawn to a method of forming a predetermined pattern on a processing object.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group II claims include the features of a heating step, of heating said mold based on the glass temperature of the processing object, a pattern forming step of pressing the mold against the processing object, a cooling step of cooling said mold to a predetermined temperature equal to or lower than the glass transition temperature; and a mold removing step which are fully taught by the prior art reference of Korenaga (JP 2001-026052; see abstract and figures). Korenaga teaches an imprinting apparatus fully encompassing these steps, such that a substrate is imprinted by a heated template and subsequently cooled and removed from the imprinting apparatus. As such, because the common features are all taught by the prior art, there is no technical relationship or

single general inventive concept between Groups I and II as required under PCT Rule 13.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARIA VERONICA D. EWALD whose telephone number is (571)272-8519. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8 - 4:30.

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